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1. MISSION AUTHORIZED ACCEPT REFS C AND D IN PAYMENTS
COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL.

2. MISSION MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE SECRETARIAT'S
DESCRIPTION IN C(74)31 OF THE COMMITTEE'S CONCLUSIONS
CONCERNING EACH OF THE U.S. FILMS RESERVATIONS IS SOME-
WHAT MISLEADING IN STATING THAT U.S. AUTHORITIES ARE
CONSIDERING ALTERING THE LEGAL BASIS FOR THE PRESENT
CUSTOMS DUTY ON THE FILM ITEMS COVERED BY THE RESERVATIONS.

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IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO STATE THAT WE ARE SEEKING

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THIS DUTY. MISSION MAY ALSO WISH TO SUGGEST RE-PHRASING OF REFERENCE TO U.S. DUTY AS ANACHRONISTIC.

3. IN ACCEPTING DRAFT DECISION CONCERNING COOPERATION BETWEEN INSURANCE SUPERVISORY AUTHORITIES, MISSION SHOULD NOTE THAT ROLE OF STATE AUTHORITIES IN U.S. WOULD PRECLUDE U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT WANT TO IMPEDE EUROPEAN EFFORTS IN THIS AREA, AND WISH TO BE AS COOPERATIVE OURSELVES AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE ALREADY INDICATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE WAYS OF BRINGING ABOUT INFORMAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN U.S. AND EUROPEAN SUPERVISORY AUTHORITIES IN A MANNER THAT WOULD MEET AT LEAST SOME OF THE SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIVES ENVISAGED IN DRAFT DECISION. BEFORE OFFERING ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS, WE WOULD WISH TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCH COMMUNICATION WITH OUR STATE AUTHORITIES. KISSINGER

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